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1. The "Öres Diszzaszlohal" battalion guards the offices and installations of the Ministry of Defense in Budapest, and also provides honor guards for ceremonial occasions. The battalion is composed of three companies, each comprised of a total of 150 men. One company is on duty, another is kept in reserve, while the third is available for emergencies.
2. Prior to the revolt of October - November 1956 the battalion was housed in the General Bem (formerly Radetzky) Barracks, but upon the outbreak of the revolt it was transferred to the buildings of the Ministry of Defense. A Soviet para-troop battalion moved into the General Bem Barracks.
3. Only good-looking, physically fit and politically reliable men are admitted for service in the battalion. They are paid 140 forints a month, while the usual service pay is only 40 forints.

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4. The battalion supplies armed guard units, varying in size from five to ten men, to 15 posts, which are situated as follows:
- a. No. 1: The Ministry of Defense and General Staff Headquarters on Honved Street
 - b. No. 2: The Zalka Mate barracks on Bartok Bela Street, where the military counterespionage branch (2 Es Sz. Csoportfonokseg) is located
 - c. No. 3: The National Civil Defense Command Headquarters at 9 (?) Ibrahim Street, Buda
 - d. No. 4: The Garrison Command Headquarters (Helyorsegi Kommandans Hivatal), which was located in the Kilian Gyorgy barracks until October 1956, when it was transferred to Buda
 - e. No. 5: Battalion Headquarters at the General Bem barracks
 - f. No. 6: The Regulations Branch of General Headquarters (Szabalyzat Szerkesztoseg), which was located on Fo Street, Buda, until October 1956, when it was transferred to an unidentified location
 - g. No. 7: The National Cartographic Institute (Orszagos Ter Kepeszeto Intezet - OTI) in Zuglo
 - h. No. 8: Technical Headquarters (Muszaki Parancsnoksag), which is located in District II, Buda
 - i. No. 9: The Civil Antiaircraft Defense Sub-Command (Kis OLGEF), which is near Technical Headquarters

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- j. No. 10: The radio jamming station on Gugger Hill, near the Harmashat Arhegy
- k. No. 11: The military prosecutor general's office, on Fo Street, District II, Buda
- l. The location of Posts Nos. 12 through 14 is not known.
- m. No. 15: An ammunition dump in Buda on the Szabadsag Hill. A firing range is located nearby.
- n. An additional unnumbered post is located at the military prison in Nagyteteny.

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